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Stewart earns CINC and ACOE awards

Spc. Robert Adams

Staff writer

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield won first place in the 20th Anniversary of the Commander in Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence and the 21st Chief of Staff, Army Communities of Excellence award May 6 and 7 at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

This is the first time the installations have won either of these annual awards.

"These awards are a measure of the great things that people do at Stewart and Hunter, both in the garrison and the 3rd Infantry Division, tenant units, families and local communities," said Col. John Kidd, Stewart garrison commander.

The CINC award is presented to the top Army, Navy, Marine and Air Force installation and to the top Defense

Logistics Agency.

"The winners have worked really hard to get here today," said Bettie Bradley, business assessment advisor, Southeast Regional Office of Installation Management Agency.

"It is a very stressful process for the installations, for they have to fight for dollars to start programs, and they have to ensure that their leadership knows about the program and supports it," Bradley said.

The CINC program began in 1985 when President Ronald Reagan challenged the Department of Defense to search for installations where DoD personnel had done the best job.

Each service and DLA develop their own selection procedures for the program, conduct an award competition, select an award recipient, and identify special recognition recipients.

Installations are identified by how the command best uses its resources

to sustain the mission, increase productivity of the workforce and enhance the quality of life for all who live and work at the installation, according to the criteria for the competition.

"This has been a 12-year effort on the part of the post to build systems that would allow us to compete well in this event," Kidd said. "This has been a real challenge for us and we have worked hard for this award."

Each of the winners received a trophy, an Excellent Installation flag and a letter signed by President George W. Bush.

"Our success is attributed to implementing the Army Performance Improvement Criteria and using it as a tool to assist in developing and implementing our improvement process — the Performance Management and

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Lt. Gen. James J. Lovelace, Army staff director, presents Col. John M. Kidd, Stewart garrison commander, the Chief of Staff of the Army's Army Communities of Excellence award May 6 at the Pentagon.



Pfc. Emily J. Danial

Pfc. Andrew L. Tuazon, 293rd MP Co., was killed in Mosul, Iraq, Monday. Tuazon is pictured above March 6, the night he deployed from Stewart.

293rd Soldier killed in Iraq

Press Release

3rd Infantry Division Public Affairs Office

The Department of Defense announced Wednesday the identity of a 3rd Infantry Division Soldier who died while supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Pfc. Andrew L. Tuazon, age 21, of Chesapeake, Va., was killed in action Monday in Mosul, Iraq. He was assigned to 293rd Military Police Company, 3rd Military Police Battalion. Tuazon entered the Army Nov. 6, 2002, from Richmond, Va. He came to Fort Stewart April 14, 2003.

The incident is under investigation. A memorial service is scheduled for Tuesday at 11 a.m.



Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.

Sgt Mike Puricelli, 103rd MI Bn., demonstrates how to set a flare at the MOUT exercise May 5.

103rd takes out OPFOR at MOUT site

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Staff Writer

Soldiers from 103rd Military Intelligence Battalion conducted an opposing force exercise at the military operations on urbanized terrain site May 5.

"These Soldiers get a chance to get away from their normal jobs to do the kind of stuff that infantry Soldiers get to do, said Capt. Buford Cook, Headquarters and Headquarters Operations Company commander. "Being mostly support Soldiers,

they don't get a chance to get out here and do infantry tactics. As everyone knows, it's (Maj. Gen. William G. Webster, 3rd Infantry Division commander's) concept that every Soldier is an infantry Soldier, so we got the MOUT site in relation to a lot of the activities that are going on in Iraq."

The MOUT site is a fabricated town used to train Soldiers on urban warfare tactics.

Soldiers trained for two weeks to prepare to for the exercise in which a small group of OPFOR Soldiers secured the MOUT site and a much larger group attempted to take the

town.

"We trained on basic movement at squad level and moved up to platoon level tactics such as ambushes, contact, clearing areas and clearing buildings," Cook said.

The two groups of Soldiers caught rides to Remagen Drop Zone on three UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters and then marched back through the woods to the site.

After the OPFOR group arrived, they secured the town and surrounding area.

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New Falcon CO lands at Hunter

Sgt. Mason T. Lowery

Staff Writer, Hunter Public Affairs Office

Col. Ronald D. Tuggle assumed command of Aviation Brigade Monday in a change of command ceremony on Hunter Army Airfield.

Col. Curtis D. Potts, former Avn. Bde. commander, assumed command in July 2002 and subsequently deployed his Soldiers in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in October 2002, where they served until July 2003, supporting all 3rd Inf. Div. combat operations.

"Here we are two years later with one war behind us. ... The warriors in this brigade, along side the mighty

Thunder Brigade, fired the opening shots of Operation Iraqi Freedom," Potts said. "I am proud to have been associated with the best sons and daughters America has to offer." He leaves to join the 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized) as chief of staff.

Tuggle said, "To Susan and Col. Potts, thanks for a great transition. The current brigade is in great shape. You've built a strong team that is combat proven." Tuggle promised to continue their legacy.

Tuggle's last three assignments include positions with 6th Cavalry, Camp Eagle, Korea; Army G-3 (Army Initiatives Group), and Objective Force

Task Force, Washington D.C.

Tuggle is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College. He holds master's degrees in business administration, from Golden Gate University, and strategic studies, from the U.S. Army War College.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Master Aviation Badge, Honduran Parachutist Badge, and Master Parachutist Badge.

Tuggle and his wife Evy have two children, 15-year-old Casey and 13-year-old Annie.



Sharon T. Bass

Maj. Gen. William G. Webster, 3rd Inf. Div. commander, hands the reigns of Avn. Bde. to Col. Ronald D. Tuggle, in a ceremony at Hunter Monday.

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85° 65°

SAT

High Low
86° 62°

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Stewart SRT competes in SWAT meet

Pfc. Ben Brody
Staff Writer

Members of Fort Stewart's Special Reaction Team competed in a grueling four-day test of their skills at the 11th annual Southeastern Special Weapons and Tactics Conference in Spartanburg, S.C. April 28 through May 1.

The Stewart SRT, composed of Soldiers from 179th Military Police Detachment, is a rapid-response MP unit similar to a civilian police SWAT team.

"We're here to respond to anything a regular patrolman can't handle, like a hostage situation or an active shooter," said SRT commander Capt. Kevin Pugh. "The team trains on forced-entry tactics similar to what you would see in a line unit."

While the SWAT conference hosted 17 special police teams from the Southeast, the only other MP team was from Fort Myer, Va. The competitive aspect of the conference featured obstacle courses, a rappel tower, weapons ranges and hostage-rescue scenarios.

The first event, known as "the lumberjack," took place at night April 28 and pitted three well-armed SRT members against a 5-foot tall, pressure-treated 4-by-4 post. With a 9mm pistol, an MP5 9mm submachine gun and an assault shotgun, the teams blazed away in the darkness, covering the ground in wood chips and shell casings as they competed for the fastest toppling of the post.

About 20 tactical outfitters and other vendors set up tents to hawk their wares and offer demonstrations throughout the conference. As other SWAT team members peered through sniper scopes and examined prodded body armor, the Stewart SRT lined up to test some non-lethal devices firsthand.

As a small crowd gathered around him, SRT's Pfc. Ryan Abbott braced himself for 50,000 volts from a specially tuned taser that fires its spiked electrodes about 10 meters. When the prongs landed in his back, Abbott grimaced and swayed to the side before collapsing in a heap on the ground.

Abbott convinced four other SRT members that they should try it too — and they did, all at once, with arms linked. The Stewart SRT earned the admiration of the civilian police agencies with their brave curiosity.

"After our batons, we don't have non-lethal weapons available to us on post, unlike almost any civilian police force," Pugh said after recovering from the taser blast. "I think something like this would give us some better options in a confrontation. Our main goal is to save lives — deadly force is an absolute last resort."

As if a virtual lightning bolt in his spine wasn't quite enough for him, Abbott, a bike patrolman at Stewart, volunteered to take a blast of pepper spray foam in his face from an eager vendor. Standing stoically with his eyes shut, he gingerly stepped over to a cooler of water and doused his head repeatedly. One vendor was so impressed she gave Abbott a free Camelbak for his suffering.

The competitors ran several intense obstacle courses before having to fire at targets, simulating "worst-case scenario" missions, according to event organizer 1st Lt. John Dyas of Spartanburg Police Department.

"Firing a weapon accurately after total muscle failure is really tough," Dyas said. "We've got a lot of safety checks and spotters on the range because the intensity of the courses is so exhausting. They're not so strict that we can't have fun though."

One particularly difficult course had competitors running an obstacle course, climbing a rope into a tower, "rescuing" a 200 pound dummy, hauling it to the ground, then racing around to a range to knock down targets with pistols fired from the shooters' weak hand.

All in all, the Stewart team finished last, which some of the organizers said was inevitable, given that it was the SRT's first year at the conference. Many of the local civilian teams train regularly at the competition site.

"We've got a great team and we'll be back for the next one," Abbott said after the final event. "I'd go into a house with these guys any day."



Photos by Pfc. Ben Brody

Stewart SRT's Sgt. Greg Oxendine pulls himself up a tower to rescue a "hostage" as part of a grueling two-man competition at the Southeastern SWAT Conference in Spartanburg, S.C. April 29.



Spc. Chris Kemp fires at targets with his M9 pistol during an early competition.

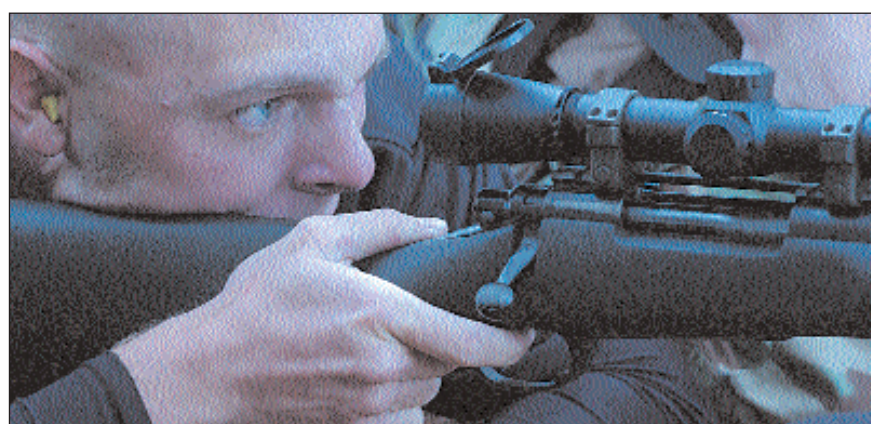
Sgt. Jamie Kestner acts as a stepladder as Edwards climbs over him during a hostage rescue exercise.



(Left to Right) Pfc. Brian Hayes, SRT NCOIC Sgt. Dennis Edwards, SRT commander Capt. Kevin Pugh and Spc. William Pendleton react to 50,000 volts of electricity coursing through them from a taser blast.



Kemp and Pendleton work to retrieve a "hostage" roped to them from a tower.



Edwards takes aim at a distant target with a 7.62mm sniper rifle during the last event of the SWAT conference.

Air defenders get new commander, mission

Pfc. Ben Brody
Staff Writer

Both the commander and the mission of 1st Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery changed during a change of command ceremony and statement of the unit's new role at Cottrell Field May 5.

The battalion will be redesignating itself as an armored reconnaissance squadron, which is a forward cavalry unit, in response to the changing demands of the battlefield and the reduced air threat.

Lt. Col. Mark Garrell bid his troops farewell and thanked his friends for their support after a two-year command that earned the battalion respect during some of the most intense moments of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"It's hard to say goodbye to the greatest battalion in the greatest division in the U.S. Army," Garrell said. "It's also a great honor for our commanding general to ask us to stop being air defenders and start



Pfc. Ben Brody

1/3 ADA Bn. Soldiers pose for the last battalion photo May 3 before getting a new mission and commander. The battalion will become an armored reconnaissance squadron this summer under the command of Lt. Col. Jody Petery.

being cavalrymen."

Taking the reins of the newly redesignated battalion, incoming commander Lt. Col. Jody Petery thanked Garrell and expressed his pride in the unit and 3rd Infantry Division.

"I'm very proud to join your ranks," Petery said. "Together we'll defeat all chal-

lenges as they come."

The "I Strike" battalion is no stranger to ground maneuvers, as they were tasked with that mission once the Iraqi air threat was neutralized. During that time, 1/3 performed the same missions as infantry and armor units. They seized key river crossings at the Euphrates, secured 3rd Inf.

Div.'s lines of communication, relieved 1st Brigade Combat Team of the defense of Baghdad International Airport and established a new city government at Abu Ghraib.

The battalion returned to Fort Stewart in August with all 650 Soldiers it deployed with.



Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.

Lt. Col. Joseph A. Brendler, commander, 123rd Sig. Bn., hands the guidon for the newly activated A Co., 2nd STB of the Signal Corps to its new commander, Capt. Byron Johnson Friday.

Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.

Staff Writer

Reorganization became reality for the 123rd Signal Battalion Friday when C Company was deactivated and divided into 2nd and 3rd special troops battalions to become part of two separate units of action.

Capt. Brian Jacobson, who was the commander of C Co., became commander of 3rd STB and Capt. Byron Johnson, former battalion signal officer, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, became 2nd STB commander.

"From my personal point of view, we have a habitual relationship with the division," Jacobson said. "In other words, we have one group of people that gets split up whenever we have a deployment or training exercise, and it is hard to get

"This is a historic day in the Signal Corps."

Capt. Byron Johnson
Commander, 2nd STB

all of our people going in the same direction. With the consolidation of signal company assets into a single entity, it puts one person in charge that can focus on completing the mission much more efficiently."

"This change will benefit the Army because now these separate units will be more flexible and they will streamline the organizational structure," said 2nd Lt. Chris Botterbusch, a 2nd STB platoon leader. "Army-wide, the signal battalions

are a division asset, but now the flow of information is a UA asset."

"Both of these men are great Soldiers. I know they will do great things in their new assignments as commanders of the new STBs," said Lt. Col. Joseph A. Brendler, 123rd Sig. Bn. commander.

Jacobson, Brendler and Johnson all described the activation of the new STBs as an historical event.

"This is a historic day in the Signal Corps. The way we traditionally provided support is changing everyday," Johnson said. "The equipment we use, the services we provide and the actual people who are providing it, it's all changing. Those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future. We represent the future of the Signal Corps, so we must ensure that the future is a bright one."

VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

PMO gives Soldiers G-8 safety tips

Pfc. Emily J. Danial
Staff Writer

The upcoming G-8 Summit at Sea Island and surrounding events have raised some safety concerns around Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield for Soldiers visiting downtown Savannah during the week of the event.

Anyone who does end up in the midst of the week's activities may find himself regretting it, according to Lt. Col. John M. Huey, Fort Stewart Provost Marshal.

"My basic advice for Soldiers, government employees and dependents is that unless they have a dire need to go downtown during the G-8 Summit, they should take care of any business they have there before-

hand," Huey said.

"The main issue will be the horrendous traffic down there due to the large influx of both supporters and non-supporters," he explained.

He added, "If you think the 15 to 25 minute waits to get on post are bad, they're nothing compared to how Savannah is going to be."

Huey also explained that law enforcement officials are anticipating the need for crowd control during the week, and will not pause to discriminate between offenders and non-offenders should a disturbance arise.

"This is not a place for the curious," Huey said. "If you want to find out about the G-8 Summit, watch it on television."

Last year's G-8 Summit in Evian

drew large numbers of protesters and there were clashes with police.

Even though downtown is projected to be a veritable zoo during the week of the event, Huey said the rest of Savannah, from Interstate 95 and Route 204 to the area around Oglethorpe Mall, shouldn't pose too much of a problem.

Maj. Louis J. Poore, Hunter provost marshal, agreed.

"Use good common sense," Poore said. "Don't go looking for protesters, and don't go down there without a purpose. I don't want anyone to get hurt or anyone's property to get damaged."

Huey added, "If you do have to go downtown, keep a low profile ... don't get yourself into a situation you can't get out of."

Lane Down Range
We are still heroes, Soldiers

Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.
Staff Writer

There is an old saying that goes "you can do a million good deeds and one bad deed, and the world will always remember the bad deed." When I saw the recently released pictures of prisoners being abused in Iraq, I thought to myself, how are we going to explain this?

The pictures, for those of you who have not seen them, are pretty graphic and shocking. I have to say it broke my heart to think that any servicemember could be present at such a scene, much less posing in the photos. I continue to live the Army Values. No, I am the Army Values, and every Soldier I know or respect is the Army Values. By living this way, how can a person ever look in the mirror and be disappointed with what they see?

Civilian media reports what they see, and often truth sought pays no regard to the consequence it may render. A few simple facts flashed across a screen or a

single photograph in a newspaper can create a wave of opinion. As Americans, we have that right — freedom of the press. But I want the world to know the brothers and sisters that I serve with have a sense of values so deep in their being that they are willing to give their lives to preserve the honor of not only their country and their people, but of other countries.

There is no draft. In fact, we were all chosen from a great many more people who applied and didn't make it. We are a force of hand-picked volunteers.

Why would we face death for nothing more than honor? Because we believe in what is right. Not only do we not mistreat our enemies because we were trained not to, but because it is in our very hearts to. We liberated a people who were oppressed. A

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people who were starving, naked, beaten, tortured, gassed, imprisoned, raped and murdered. After generations of living this way, they knew no better. Our mission was to show them we were above that way of life.

Iraqis want better than what they had. It is evident in the smiles the 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers received and the hugs and handshakes that were thrown upon them when they took Baghdad. Some Iraqi soldiers laid down their arms and surrendered. They did not believe in their hearts that what they were fighting for was right.

My heart sank when I heard the news of the photos. Apologies were given, but will they suffice? I cannot give a political opinion, because I am a Soldier, and I do not have the luxury of dictating policy, but rather, I live my life according to tact. In my heart I believe

tact may be the answer to the problem at hand. But instead of giving that opinion, I will encourage my brother and sister Soldiers to hold up their heads, look in their own mirrors, and continue to believe in what they have done, are doing, and will do in the future.

We are right and we will continue to fight and die for righteousness in lands far away as long as our country and our commander-in-chief believes in us and what we are doing.

Since when have we been the type of people to believe that the actions of a few classify an entire group? Who out there has not met bad seeds of every color, creed or religion?

We must leave the fate of those involved to the people who are appointed to deal with them and hope that our public and our country will continue to believe we are heroes, because we are. Don't ever think anything different. All Soldiers should believe that for every one of us, someone we know thinks we are heroes. Drive on Army.

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Readers respond to the question:

Do you think the recent news on the Iraqi prisoners has affected morale?

"I feel it doesn't affect morale in Iraq and that it will stay the same as it has been."

Sgt. Thaddeus Curry
703rd MSB



"Yes, the situation reflects poorly on all Soldiers, who will receive more hostility by motivated Iraqis."

Pfc. Brian Hill
123rd Sig. Bn.

"Yes, it affects the whole chain of command and Soldiers will take the retaliation."

Sgt. 1st Class John Francis
87th CSB



"No, I don't think the actions of a few will affect the hearts of many."

Capt. Claude Hoffman
260th QM Bn.

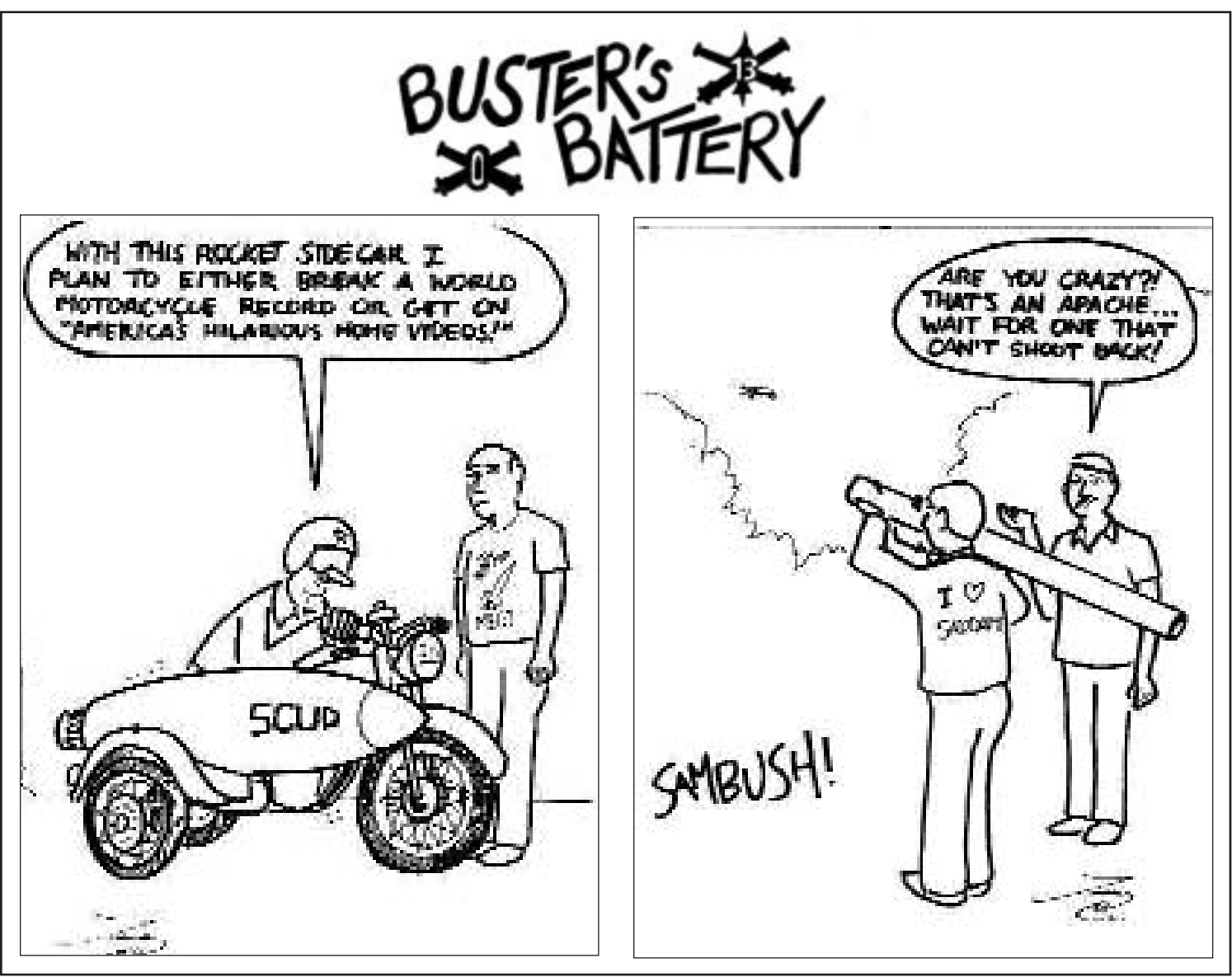
"Yes, once someone messes up, everyone pays for it."

Spc. Michael Lopez
1/9 FA



"Of course it has, anybody who's proud to wear the uniform should be embarrassed by what has happened."

Capt. Christal Archibald
A Co., HQ Cmd.



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Health tips for women

Laurie Kemp
Winn Army Community Hospital

Women's health week is a nationwide effort to promote awareness of the measures women can take to prevent fatal and debilitating illnesses. Although American women are living healthier and longer lives, too many women across the country still suffer and die of serious illnesses. The number one killer of American women — in fact, more women die of this disease each year than do men — is heart disease. Cancer is the second leading cause of death, with lung cancer being the top cancer killer among American women followed by breast cancer and colorectal cancer. Stroke is the number three killer of American women. Each year, 30,000 more women than men have strokes.

Since many of these leading causes of death among women can be successfully prevented or treated if the warning signs are caught early enough, regular health check-ups and healthy habits are necessary.

According to the

Department of Health and Human Services, during check-ups women should discuss with their health care professionals which of the tests are right for them, when they should have them, and how often. Women should consider the following screening tests:

Pap smears every one to three years if sexually active or older than 21.

Chlamydia tests if age 25 or younger and sexually active — if older, discuss test with health care provider; also, discuss testing for other sexually transmitted diseases if needed.

Blood pressure checked at least every two years.

Diabetes tests if diagnosed with high blood pressure or high cholesterol.

Depression screening should be discussed if feeling "down," sad, hopeless with little interest or pleasure in doing things for two weeks straight.

Mammograms every one to two years starting at 40.

Cholesterol checks regularly, starting at age 45 (If smoker, diabetic or heart disease runs in the family, cholesterol checks should start at

age 20).

Colorectal cancer tests starting at age 50.

Osteoporosis tests should start at age 65 to screen for osteoporosis (thinning of the bones); if between the ages of 60 and 64 and weigh 154 pounds or less, testing should be discussed with your health care provider).

Help us help you to remain healthy. Prevention is the key to living healthy. Getting preventive screenings and immunizations are among the most important things you can do to help us help you remain healthy.

All these health services are available at Winn Army Community Hospital, your Troop Health Clinic and Tuttle Army Health Clinic.

Additional women's health information can be found by visiting the National Women's Health Information Center at www.4woman.gov; or calling 1-800-994-9662.

Adding simple preventative and positive health behaviors into everyday life will help prevent serious illnesses and will improve a woman's health and that of the nation today and for future generations.

Notices of Availability

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) OF the implementation of a INTEGRATED pest management Plan (PMP) at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield

The Department of the Army hereby gives notice of availability of an EA evaluating the impacts of the implementation of a Pest Management Plan (PMP) at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

The proposed action is in accordance with Army Regulation 200-5 (requiring the implementation of an Integrated Pest Management Plans).

The EA addresses the potential impacts to the human environment to include wetlands, cultural resources, threatened and endangered species, and the surrounding environment.

The EA, resulting in a FONSI, indicates that no significant adverse impacts would result from the proposed action.

A copy of the EA and FONSI is available for public review from May 2, 2004 to May 31, 2004 at the following public libraries.

All public review comments must be received no later than May 31, 2004.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) EVANS FIELD TACTICAL UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE (TUAV) STORAGE/MAINTENANCE FACILITY FORT STEWART, GEORGIA

The Department of the Army hereby gives notice of availability of an EA for construction, operation, and maintenance of a proposed tactical unmanned aerial vehicle storage and maintenance facility at Fort Stewart, Georgia. The facility would be located at Evans Field and would include a 7,000 square foot storage facility with maintenance bays and administrative office space. The proposed action is necessary to support the stationing of three TUAV platoons and fielding of related equipment. The EA addresses the potential impacts to the human environment to include wetlands, cultural resources, threatened and endangered species, and the surrounding environment. The EA, resulting in a FONSI, indicates that no significant adverse impacts would result from the proposed action.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) CLEARCUTTING, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A CONVOY LIVE FIRE RANGE FORT STEWART, GEORGIA

The Department of the Army hereby gives notice of availability of an EA for construction, operation, and maintenance of a proposed Convoy Live Fire training facility at Fort Stewart, Georgia.

The facility would be located in the Northeastern most portion of Fort Stewart. The proposed action is necessary to support the deployment of troops for Operation Iraqi Freedom III (OIF III). The EA addresses the potential impacts to the human environment to include wetlands, cultural resources, threatened and endangered species, and the surrounding environment. The EA, resulting in a FONSI, indicates that no significant adverse impacts would result from the proposed action.

A copy of the EA and FONSI is available for public review from May 5, 2004 to May, 20, 2004 at the following public libraries. All public review comments must be received no later than May 20, 2004.

Fort Stewart Main Post Library, Building 411, 316 Lindquist Rd., Fort Stewart, GA.

Mon. — Thurs. 10:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Fri. closed

Sat.-Sun. 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Liberty County Public Library, 236 Memorial Drive, Hinesville, GA

Mon. — Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Fri. — Sat. 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sun. 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Mall Branch Library, 7 Mall Annex, Savannah, GA

Mon. — Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Fri. — Sat. 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sun. 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Request all comments be mailed to the following address:

CHIEF, Environmental Division (Mr. Thomas C. Fry)
DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC WORKS
HQS, FORT STEWART

1550 FRANK COCHRAN DRIVE, BLDG 1137

FORT STEWART, GA 31314-4928

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Measurement System,” Kidd said. The PMMS is used to provide overall organizational management and guidance, and to set short-term and long-term organizational direction and performance expectations.”

Stewart and Hunter also received the ACOE award, which is given to the top Army installation and surrounding community.

“Fort Stewart had an excellent package and they worked hard to get here,” Bradley said. “Stewart is one of the few installations that actually will come and ask for what they need to improve and we give them training feedback to improve.”

The mission of ACOE is to help installations provide a quality environment and excellent facilities and services, according to the ACOE program. The program continues

to improve the quality of life of our Soldiers, their families and Army civilians.

“This award reaches beyond the boundaries of the post. The leaders accepting the rewards today represent a team effort by Soldiers and civilians working together,” said Lt. Gen. James J. Lovelace, Director of the Army Staff.

Finishing second and third in the ACOE competition were 417th Base Support Battalion, Kitzingen, Germany and 222nd Base Support Battalion, Baumholder, Germany.

The installations are scored based on APIC, which allows an organization to assess its approach, deployment, and results of its effort to improve.

“Each Army installation will submit an organizational self-assessment to the

regional office,” Bradley said. “We hold a down-select in which examiners review each application and the top three are sent to Washington.”

The top five installations in the country are then visited by examiners to verify and clarify the applications and score them.

“The installations aren’t competing against each other; they are competing against the seven categories of the APIC,” Bradley said.

Using these guidelines, installations perform a robust self-assessment that focuses on the entire community, with emphasis on internal and external facility excellence and customer service, according to the ACOE program. The process helps installation leaders target key performance gaps, set priorities for improvement, and intro-

duce better ways to work with their customers, partners, and suppliers.

“We’ve learned how to measure our effectiveness, performance, how we look at our customers, find what their needs are and how we should address them,” Kidd said.

Stewart is currently undergoing a huge building program, Kidd said. Over the next year the post will allocate around \$136 million worth of construction at Stewart and Hunter.

“We want to make it better so Soldiers will want to reenlist on the post and families will want to live here,” Kidd said.

Bradley said, “I wish Army leaders knew the value of this program. Most of them think they can’t afford to participate, but they can’t afford not to participate.”



Iraqi Cultural Tips

- DO THIS

Respond to a woman’s greeting only when she initiates the contact. Allow her to shake hands using only her fingertips.

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Iraqi Cultural Tips

- DON'T DO THIS

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Don't ask males direct questions about female relatives.

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Fort Stewart gate access process changes

Provost Marshal Office

Special to The Frontline

Beginning Monday at 5 a.m., the following procedures will be enforced at cantonment gates until further notice:

Only vehicles with valid Department of Defense decals, contractor permits or valid temporary passes issued prior to

Monday will be allowed access to Fort Stewart from Gates 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8.

Vehicles without one of these items will be re-routed to Gate 3 (Georgia Highway 47/Murray Avenue) and be required to provide a valid driver's license, registration and proof of insurance in order to receive a pass to the installation. Additional MPs will be located

at Gate 3 to facilitate timely processing and entry to the installation.

Directions to Gate 3 will be provided as required at Gates 1,2,6,7 and 8 by military police Soldiers and DoD contract guards.

Soldiers, family members, civilian employees and contractors with valid DoD decals, permits or valid passes are highly encouraged not to access the

installation using Gate 3 in order to reduce traffic congestion at this location.

Current procedures for Fort Stewart outer-boundary gates remain in effect. Traffic on Georgia Highways 119 and 144 will not be affected.

Questions regarding current access procedures can be directed to the Fort Stewart MPs at 767-6328/7540.



(Left) Spc. Barry Govan, HHC, 103rd MI Bn., takes aim at a potential target during the MOUT exercise May 5.

MOUT

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They waited impatiently, scanning the woods and fields for signs of their attackers.

An Islamic prayer was played over the speaker system in the church which added to impatience of the OPFOR Soldiers.

"Hey sir, could you turn off that music?" yelled Sgt. Mike Puricelli, HHC 103rd MI Bn. "We can't communicate with our Soldiers while that music is playing!" +

The attacking force took over three hours to position themselves in good fighting positions. The wait made the OPFOR Soldiers nervous, as they kept asking each other if shrubs and bushes in the distance were enemy Soldiers.

"They shouldn't be taking this long," said Spc. Barry Govan, HHC 103rd MI Bn. "It didn't take us this long to ruck over here. They're sneaking up from behind the church where we can't see them. That's what I would do if I was attacking."

Finally Govan spotted the enemy running across the field, and began signaling his fellow Soldiers to the enemy's position.

The attackers all began firing and advanced quickly on the town. The OPFOR was well covered, and were



Photos by Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.

(Above) Members of 103rd MI's OPFOR team board a UH-60 Blackhawk that will carry them to a drop site.

able to put up a good fight, but the enemy was able to enter the town.

"This is unbelievable," said Pvt. Larry Champion, 123rd Signal Battalion. "Being a signal Soldier, I'm not used to doing infantry stuff. This is going to save my life one day."

The Soldiers were training for an upcoming rotation to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.,

where they will be the dismounted OPFOR.

"Being OPFOR is always a lot of fun because we get to attack infantry Soldiers," Cook said. "We are looking forward to that."

The Soldiers are having a great time," he added. "That's what I love about it. As long as they are having fun, I love it."

3ID IN BRIEF

Stewart

Free concert
The Hinesville Area Arts Council is presenting a free concert featuring 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers Crystal Miller, soprano vocalist, and Eugene M. Losilevich, pianist at the First United Methodist Church on May 18 at 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served after the recital.

ACES
Army Continuing Education System will hold its 27th Combined Commencement Exercise in honor of the candidates for graduation, May 20 at 7 p.m. in the Club Stewart ballroom. The guest speaker will be Maj. Gen. William G. Webster Jr., 3rd Inf. Div. commander. If you are a 2003 or 2004 college graduate, please call the Education Center at 767-8331 to participate.

Town Hall Meeting
The meeting has been rescheduled to today at 6:30 p.m. Palmetto Room at Club Stewart.

Special Forces
1st Special Forces Operational Detachment-Delta is the U.S. Army's special operations unit organized for the

conduct of missions requiring a rapid response with surgical application of a wide variety of unique special operations skills.
1st SFOD-D has numerous positions available for various military occupational specialties and is currently recruiting and accepting applications for operational, direct support, and support positions.
All Soldiers in the rank of specialist through master sergeant, and captain through major may apply. For more information, contact the Special Missions Recruiting Team at sof6.recruiting@us.army.mil.

Farewell Dinner
A farewell dinner will be held in honor for Command Sgt. Major Albert Newton, Noncommissioned Officer Academy commandant at Club Stewart Friday at 6 p.m.

MEDPROS Assistance
MEDPROS training and assistance for units is available through the MEDPROS Readiness Coordinator located at Winn. For more information call 370-6992 or send an email to michael.thompson4@se.amedd.army.mil.

Hunter

Relationship enhancement
The chaplain's office is sponsoring free couple's communication and relationship enhancement classes at Hunter Club.
For a list of the classes and more information, call Chaplain (Maj.) Timothy Sowers at 572-8605.
2004 Miller Lite Concert
Buy your tickets in advance for the 2004 Miller Lite Concert featuring "Train" at Hunter Lanes.
Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 after May 8 and \$20 on the day of the concert, June 17.

Hunter Club
The Hunter Club is open for lunch Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
For more information or to schedule a special event, call 352-5270.

Red Cross
Help save lives! The Red Cross will hold a blood drive Friday at the Hunter ACS building from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hunter Golf Club
The Hunter Golf Club is hosting a Payday Activities

Golf Scramble May 28 at 2 p.m.
For more information, call Tommie McArthur at 352-5622.
Swimming pool
The Hunter swimming pool will open daily beginning May 29.
Hours of operation will be from 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Vacation sale
The Hunter PX will have a May Vacation Days sale May 21 through 27. For more information, call 352-8380.

Sidewalk sale
The Commissary at Hunter will hold a sidewalk sale May 28 through 30.

WO Recruiting briefings
The next Warrant Officer Recruiting briefing will be held today at 9:30 a.m., in the Woodruff Theater.
For more information call 1-502-626-0328.

Spouses golf clinic
There will be a free golf clinic at Hunter Golf Club Tuesday. Civilians are also welcome. Call 352-5622 for information.

Winn /Tuttle

School Health Screenings
School Health Screenings will be available by appointment 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at Winn Army Community Hospital. Children entering the Georgia school system for the first time must have a School Health Screening. To schedule an appointment, call 370-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

New Appointment Line
The new appointment line phone number is 370-6633.

Women's Health Week
An educational booth will be set up at the PX 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday for Women's Health Week.

Intervention Services
Military families with children up to 3 years old who may be at risk for developmental delays can call Educational and Developmental Intervention Services for a free screening.
Services include home visits, occupational therapy, special instruction, physical therapy, speech and language therapy, vision and hearing screenings, family training, developmental screenings and assessments. For more information, call 370-6349.

Blood Pressure Screenings
Blood pressure screenings will be available 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday and May 24 at Fort Stewart's Guest Housing area.
Third Party Insurance
Effective July 1, individual's social security numbers will no longer be displayed on health insurance cards in accordance with Georgia Senate Bill 721.
Individuals with private health insurance should contact the Third Party Insurance Office at Winn upon receipt of their unique member identification numbers (policy numbers.) Call the Third Party Insurance Office at 370-6037/6947 for more information.

Tobacco Cessation classes
Tobacco Cessation classes at Winn will be held 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. every Thursday from today to June 3 or 6 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday until June 1. Tuttle's class will be held 1 to 3 p.m. every Wednesday from until May 26. The class will help you kick the habits of smoking, chewing or dipping. To register at Winn, call 370-5071. To register at Tuttle, call 1-800-652-9221.

Marne TV

May 2004
Schedule

Marne TV can be found on Comcast Cable Channel 16 every weekday.
Tune in to the Marne Report six times a day for the latest from Stewart and Hunter.

5 a.m. Army Newswatch
5:30 a.m. MARNE REPORT
6:30 a.m. Air Force News
7 a.m. Navy News
7:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
8 a.m. MARNE REPORT
9 a.m. Air Force News
9:30 a.m. Navy News
11:30 a.m. Army Newswatch
Noon MARNE REPORT

1 p.m. Air Force News
4:30 p.m. Navy News
5 p.m. MARNE REPORT
6 p.m. Army Newswatch
6:30 p.m. Air Force News
7 p.m. Navy News
10 p.m. MARNE REPORT
11 p.m. Army Newswatch
Midnight MARNE REPORT